

Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/20/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification: in paragraph [0022], third line insert -- a -- before "longer".

In the claims:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-4 directed to apparatus claims non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-4 been cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants' amendments to the specification have mostly corrected the objections to the specification as noted in section 2 of the action mailed 5/18/2007, however well it is noted that the phrasing in paragraph [0022] has been improved, it is still non-idiomatic English, as more than and appropriate English phrasing would be -- movable a longer way... -- , hence this minor correction has been made by the examiner in the above amendment.

Applicants amendments to the claims have taken into consideration comments made by the examiner in the previous action, and have clarified applicant intent & specific movement & crystallization steps and sequences with respect to mask and stage movement, as well as crystallization within blocks and between blocks, to dust differentiate over the previously applied close as prior art of IM (6,368,945).

Update of the prior art, plus search of additional terms in consideration of new limitations, did not retrieve any prior art applicable to the claims as now written. However, patent to Voutsas et al. (6,495,405 B2) is noted to be of interest, particular figures 3-5, which illustrate a series of incremental

irradiation steps which may be considered to correspond to applicant's process within a block, however Voutsas et al. (405) as illustrated in figure is 6-7 does not in the next block affect crystallization in the same direction (first or action) as claimed in the present case, but employs their mask so as to cause a rotation of orientation, thus is different than the present claims. A patent to cam (7,250,331 B2 & 7,294,857 B2) & Sposili et al. (6,908,835 B2) are of interest for further SLS crystallization procedures for silicon, however are not prior art and do not claim a procedure as in the amended claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marianne L. Padgett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1425. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from about 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks, can be reached at (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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